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Haig Patigian

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INFORMAL LINCOLN - PATIGIAN

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Former pupils of the Lincoln Grammar School in co-operation with the Grand Army of the Republic working under the name of the Lincoln Monument League, sponsored a movement to acquire another Lincoln statue to take the place of the one destroyed by the great fire.

The State of California made an appropriation of $25,000 for the monument with the understanding that a like amount should be raised by the Lincoln Monument League.

Haig Patigian was selected as the sculptor and his study portrays Lincoln in marked contrast to the oratorical characterization of the original work of Mezzaro.

A receptive attitude is portrayed in the new statue of Abraham Lincoln. This figure is located in front of the City Hall in San Francisco's Civic Center. The subject is seated in a large chair of somewhat ornate design. He leans slightly forward, one hand on his knee, the other holding a lapel of his coat. Grave, reflective attention is depicted in the quiet pose of this Lincoln who succeeds the declamatory Lincoln of other days.

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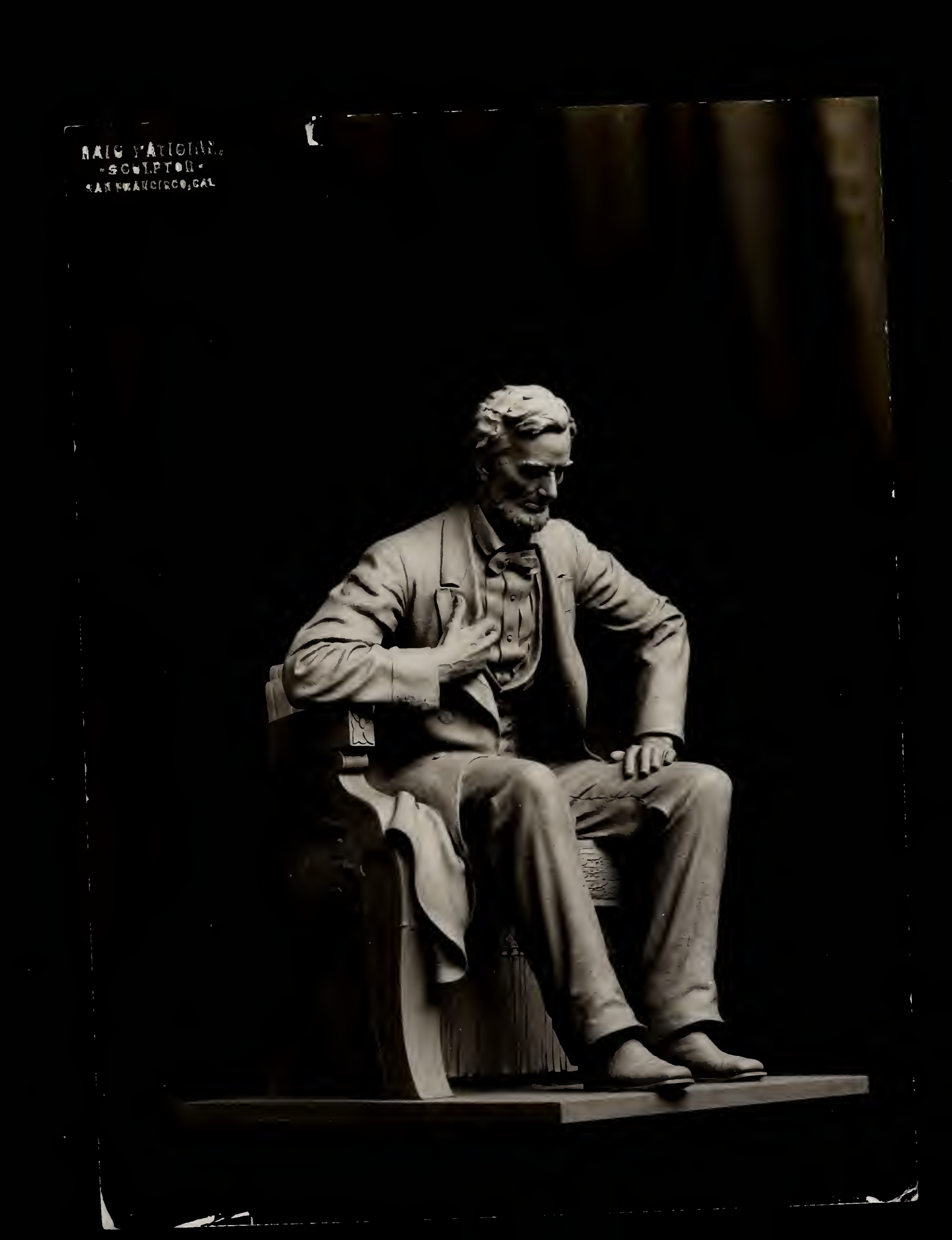
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Lincoln
by Haig Patigian

The original plaster (painted) of the statue in front of the City Hall, San Francisco

Patrician - San Francisco

Taken by John Dern

RECEPTION

of the

Grand Army of the Republic

at

LINCOLN SCHOOL

Harrison Street, near Fourth

Lincoln Day, February 12th, 1913

MUNICIPAL BAND CONCERT AT 1 P. M. ON
LINCOLN SCHOOL PARADE GROUND
LINCOLN AUDITORIUM 1:30 P. M.

OPEN AIR CONCERT

On Lincoln School Parade Ground

At 1 P. M.

1. March, "Alte Kameraden" ("Old Comrades").....C. Teike
2. Selection, "Recollections of the War".....Edward Beyer
3. Grand Fantasy, "Tone Pictures of the North and South" .....Theo. Bendix

Under the direction of Mr. John A. Keogh,

Band Leader, San Francisco Municipal Band

The Lincoln School Battalion will give an Exhibition Drill during the course of the afternoon.

Major, Samuel Bloom

Company A, Clarence Krippler

Company B, Miss Josephine Boyle

PROGRAM

(In the Lincoln School Auditorium)

1:30 P. M.

1. Invocation.....Rev. J. P. McQuaide
   Chaplain U. S. Volunteers, Philippine War
2. Introductory.....Principal W. W. Stone
3. Address, "The Children and the State"..Dr. A. A. D'Ancona
   President of the Board of Education
4. Address.....Rev. Dr. William Rader
5. Oration.....Hon. Samuel W. Shortridge
6. Remarks.....Hon. John A. Britton
   President Lincoln Grammar Association
7. Address.....Hon. Alfred Roncovieri
   Superintendent of Schools
8. Address, "The Future of This Republic".....
   .....Col. James E. Power
   And Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic.

During the course of the afternoon program, the following musical selections will be rendered:

By the Municipal Band (John A. Keogh, Conductor):

1. (a) Song, "My Own United States".....Julian Edwards
   (b) Patrol, "The Blue and the Gray".....C. W. Dalbey
2. Selection, "Il Trovatore".....Giuseppe Verdi
3. March, "Daughters of America".....J. Bodewalt Lampe

By the Lincoln School Chorus:

"Tenting Tonight."
"My Own United States."
"Anvil Chorus."
"Memorial Song."
(An Operoid), "Crowning of Aurora."

Vocal Music under direction of Miss Estelle Carpenter, Supervisor of Music, San Francisco School Department, Assisted by Mrs. L. A. Lloyd

SENATE BILL No. 158

SECTION 1. The governor of the State is hereby empowered to appoint three citizens of the State of California, to act in conjunction with the trustees of the Lincoln Monument League of San Francisco, who shall choose a site and erect a memorial monument of Abraham Lincoln in the civic center, San Francisco, the total sum of all charges thereof not to exceed $50,000, of which sum $25,000 shall be contributed by said Lincoln Monument League and $25,000 by the State of California.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $25,000 to carry into effect the purpose of this act.

SEC. 3. The controller of State is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant or warrants from time to time for the amount herein appropriated, payable to the order of the commission herein named, and the treasurer is directed to pay the same; *provided, however,* that no part of this appropriation shall be paid out of the State treasury until satisfactory evidence is given that the money to be contributed by said Lincoln Monument League is paid in and ready for use.

It will be seen that the above bill, introduced by the Hon. Thomas W. Finn and supported by Hon. A. E. Boynton, President pro tem of the Senate, and Hon. C. C. Young, Speaker of the Assembly, looks to the appropriation of money contingent on the collection by the people of California of a like sum. I feel confident that there is loyalty and patriotism and State pride enough in California to raise this additional sum readily.

W. W. STONE,
President Lincoln Monument League.

Well, You Lincoln Boys, How About It?

Editor The Chronicle—Sir: Some years ago money was collected by the members of the old Lincoln school for the purpose of erecting a statue of President Abraham Lincoln similar to the one that stood before the school on Fifth street before the fire. The G. A. R. posts donated such moneys as they had on hand, making in all about $10,000. We have talented sculptors right here in San Francisco who could put up a statue we all could be proud of. Let us not wait until all the G. A. R. and old school boys have passed to the silent beyond. Have the old Lincoln boys gone to sleep? If so they should turn the money over to the young Lincoln school boys and give them a chance to put up the statue. A. T. H.

San Francisco, April 26, 1922.

San Francisco Chronicle
Friday April 28, 1922

San Francisco Chronicle 2-12-26

Statue of the Great Emancipator In Second Stage of Construction

San Francisco will soon have a statue of Abraham Lincoln. The monument has passed the first stage of its construction and will be cast in bronze. Haig Patigian is the sculptor and designer.

The statue will be the result of the efforts of the Lincoln Monument League, comprising former students of the old Lincoln School and veterans of the Civil war living in San Francisco. It will take the place of the original Lincoln statue which stood in front of the Lincoln School at Fifth and Market streets before the fire.

The statue, recently accepted by the committee, is a seated figure of Lincoln of heroic size. Unlike many seated reproductions of the Great Emancipator, which give the impression that they were especially posed, the San Francisco monument shows Lincoln absorbed in his own thoughts. The head bent, the figure leans forward with the left hand resting on the knee, while the right is holding the lapel of his coat. Patigian designed the chair to conform to the general composition of the statue.

The head has been praised as a splendid likeness and a portrait bringing out the character of the Great Emancipator.

Today Is 'Honest Abe's' Day

Haig Patigian's conception of Abraham Lincoln, designed in clay for the Lincoln Monument League, composed of former Lincoln School students and Civil war veterans. It will soon be cast in bronze. Little Parmer Fuller, who has been studying Lincoln's life, saw the statue yesterday.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Civic Center

September 19, 1928

Mr. Louis A. Warren, Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation
Lincoln National Life Insurance Company
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Mr. Warren:

Referring to your letter regarding Lincoln memorials in San Francisco:

There was a statue of Lincoln before the Lincoln school, unveiled on April 14, 1866, and destroyed in the fire of 1906.

Another statue of Lincoln executed by Haig Patigian, was unveiled on February 13, 1928, in the Civic Center. The children of Lincoln School started donating pennies for this statue a generation ago and it was presented by the Lincoln Monument League comprised of men who were once boys at Lincoln School.

On the heights above Land's End is Lincoln Park (150 acres) one of the most recently acquired public playgrounds and still in process of development. It is appropriately named, since it constitutes the western terminal of the Lincoln Highway. Here is the new municipal golf course and here also is the California Palace of the Legion of Honor.

Yours very truly,

Robert Rea

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Librarian

HAIG PATIGIAN,
[illegible] WEBSTER ST.,
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

July 16, 1930

Ethel Henneford,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Madame:

The librarian of the San Francisco Public Library has requested me to answer a letter you had sent him concerning my statue of Lincoln in this city. I enclose a photograph of this work thinking that it will serve better than if it were described.

The statue is heroic in size - a figure approximately 9 feet tall seated. I received the commission for this work from the Lincoln Monument League comprised of former students of the Lincoln Grammar School of this city and local members of the G.A.R. who presented the statue to San Francisco. It cost $25,000.00.

The statue rests on a granite base, and stands in front of the San Francisco City Hall in the Civic Center. It is the only statue of Lincoln here.

Yours very truly,

Haig Patigian

The ROYAL NEIGHBOR

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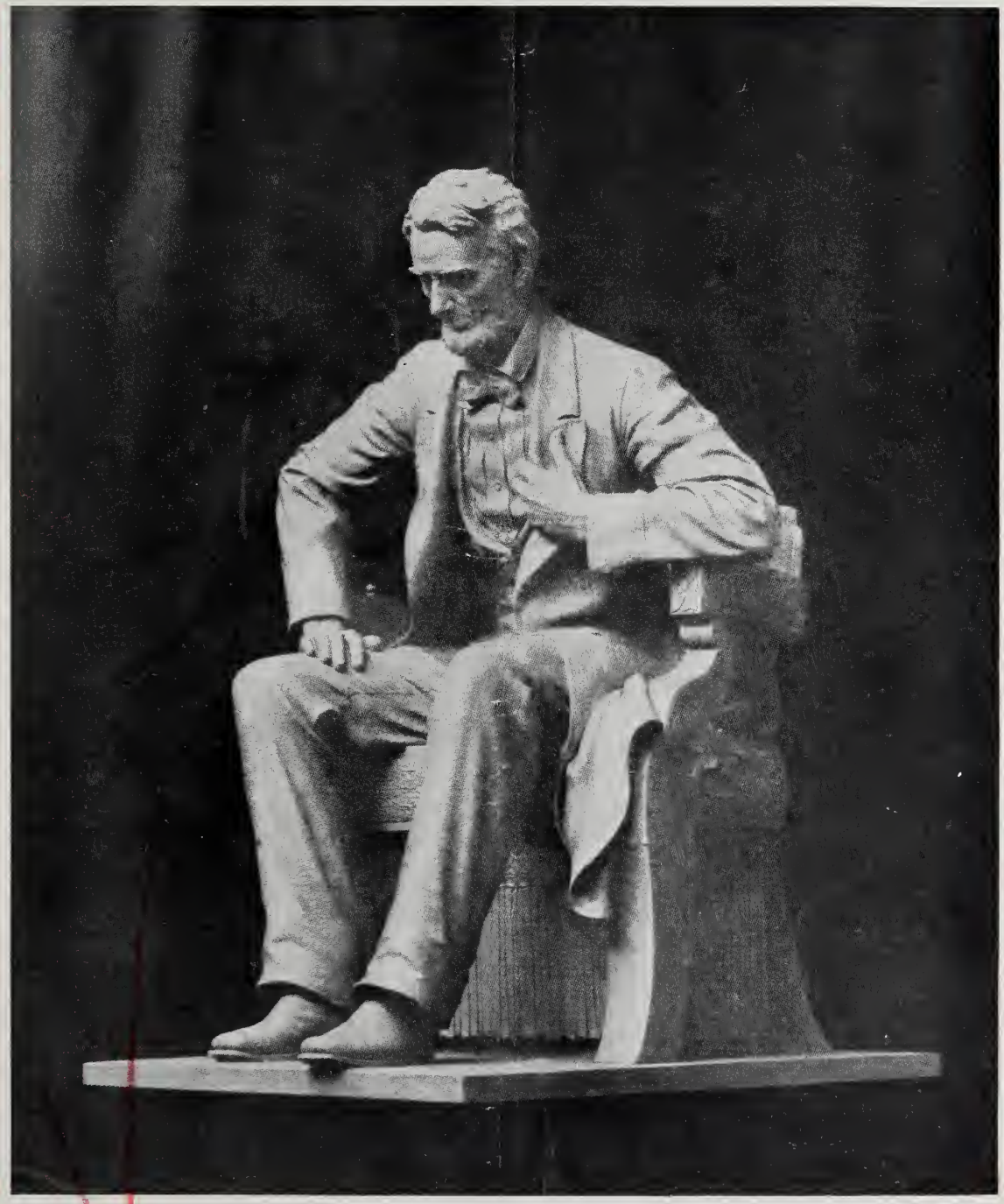

A GREAT THINKER

FEBRUARY, 1935

THE SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER:

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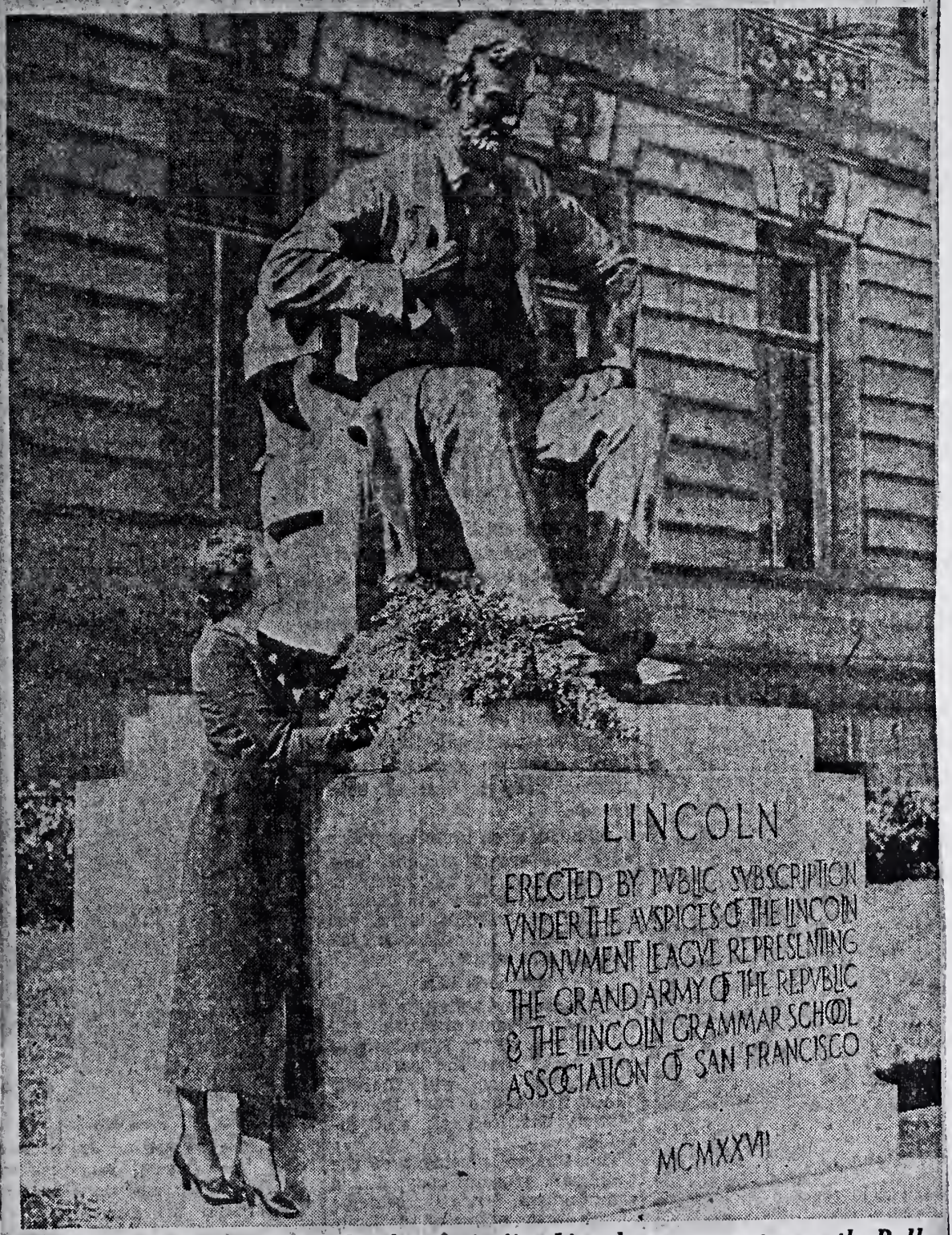
HOMAGE PAID AMERICA'S MARTYRED PRESIDENT

SAN FRANCISCO'S STATUE OF LINCOLN
City's Patriotic Citizens Place Wreath Before Lincoln's Figure

San Francisco 12/12/37

CALL AND BULLETIN

'That This Nation Shall Not Perish'



The American nation today bows in homage to the memory of Abraham Lincoln on the anniversary of the martyred President's birth. The fine Lincoln monument, near the Polk street entrance to the San Francisco City Hall, pictured here, will bear many floral tributes today.

GRAND ARMY REMEMBERS

2/12/40

Vets Lay Wreath on Lincoln Statue

THEIR LEADER—Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic played an important part in ceremonies to honor the Emancipator yesterday. The picture shows one of them, J. S. Dumser, placing a wreath on the Lincoln statue at city hall, while Mayor Rossi, hat in hand, stands by. At left in the photo is Russell C. Martin and at right, Samuel Yoho, both G. A. R. men.

—Photo by San Francisco Examiner.

LINCOLN - THE GRIEF-STRICKEN PRESIDENT

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

SCULPTOR - HAIG PATIGIAN

LINCOLN SHRINE
BOY SCOUT
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LINCOLN - THE GRIEF-STRICKEN PRESIDENT - 1943

Patigan, Haig - statue at San Francisco

Saturday, February 12, 1955 — THE SAN FRANCISCO NEWS

Each, in His Way, Observes Lincoln's Birthday

THREE FRIENDS—Haig Patigan's statue of Abraham Lincoln seems to wear an approving smile, looking down at Donald Murphy, 10, and Maryanne Reed, 10, as they join hands before the statue during City Hall ceremonies yesterday commemorating the February birthdays of Lincoln and George Washington. The children are all students at the John Swett School.

San Francisco Examiner
February 12, 1958

HAPPY BIRTHDAY—San Franciscans yesterday paid tribute to Abraham Lincoln, here have placed a wreath on the Lincoln statue at City Hall. From left (foreground, center) are Mrs. Concetta A. Reed, Mrs. Isabel R. O'Malley, George A. Rupple and Fred Baker, giving a talk.

Washington and Lincoln Honored

San Francisco officially said "happy birthday" to Abraham Lincoln and George Washington yesterday with wreaths of red carnations and a concert at the City Hall.

Local patriotic organizations joined members of the armed forces in a parade of massed flags around Civic Center, led by the Marine Corps band.

The contingent stopped first at the statue of George Washington in the War Memorial Building.

BRIEF SPEECHES.

Mrs. O. George Cook, State regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, spoke briefly and recalled the first President's "unfailing love for his country . . . which still challenges us today."

The next stop was Abraham Lincoln's statue on the Polk St. side of City Hall, where Fred Baker, of United Spanish War Veterans, praised the Great Emancipator as a "man who belongs to all nations which cherish liberty."

The program moved inside the City Hall rotunda just moments before rain once again started to fall.

Lt. Col. Robert J. McSheehy, USA, son of the late Supervisor James B. McSheehy, was principal speaker.

SCHOOL CHOIR SINGS.

The Abraham Lincoln High School a cappella choir sang several numbers including "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The entire program was arranged by the Citizens' Committee for the Proper Observance of Lincoln-Washington Birthdays.

City, county and State offices will be closed today in honor of Lincoln's Birthday.

Police reminded motorists that parking meters will be working and all parking regulations will be enforced since most stores and offices will be open for business. Banks and the stock exchange also will remain open.

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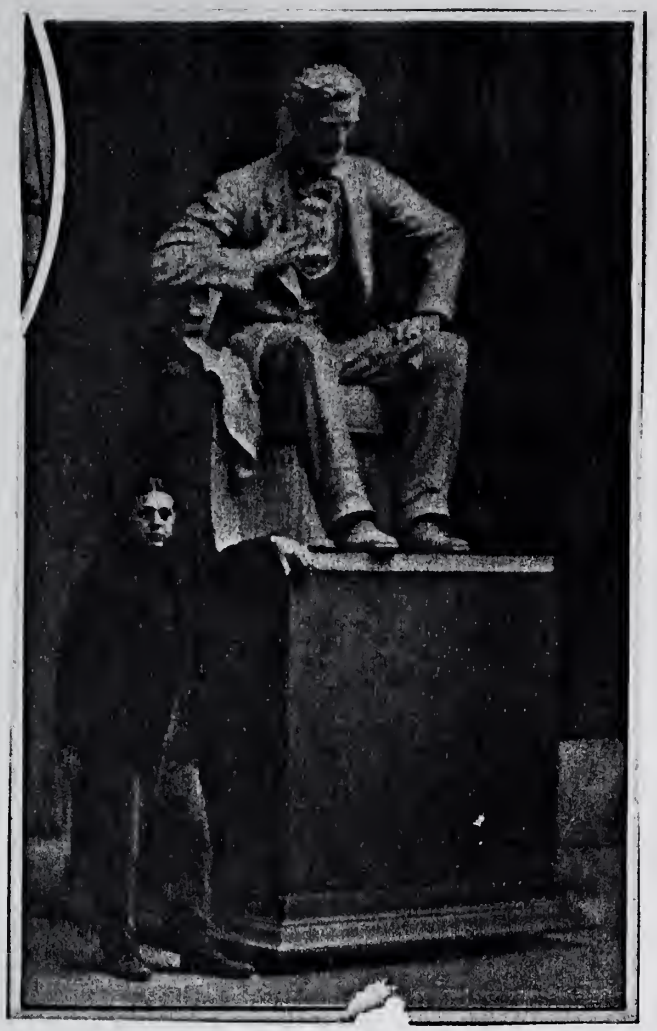

A STATUE OF THE GREAT EMANCIPATOR WHICH WILL STAND AT THE END OF THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY: HAIG PATIGAN, Standing Beside His Figure of the President, Which Will Be Placed at the Termination of the First Transcontinental Road, in San Francisco. (Times Wide World Photos, San Francisco Bureau.)

TWO PRESIDENTS MEET IN THE STUDIO OF A SAN FRANCISCO SCULPTOR: HAIG PATIGIAN at Work on His Bust of President Hoover, Which Is to Be Placed in the White House. Behind Is His Figure of Lincoln.

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WESTERN SCULPTOR MAKES HOOVER BUST

Haig Patigian.

Haig Patigian, San Francisco sculptor, has completed a bronze bust of President Hoover which is soon to be delivered to the White House.

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